GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1823
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2001
SURAJKUND FAIR
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;TARACHAND BHAGORA;VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of the Government on the recent incident of falling of joy-ride in the handicraft fair on Surajkund in Haryana;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct an inquiry this incident;

(c) if so, the details of findings of the committee including the cause of the incident;

(d) the action taken against the guilty persons;

(e) the number of casualties occurred in the incident along with compensation paid to each victim;

(f) whether any directions are issued to fair organising companies by the Government; and (g) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken to control such incident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): It was an unfortunate incident wherein four people were killed and 11 were injured.

(b) to (d): The Surajkund Craft Mela is organised by the Tourism Department of Haryana Government.Government of India only sponsors craftpersons and weavers for participation in the Mela and provides financial assistance to the Government of Haryana.

According to the report received from Government of Haryana, the district police ofFaridabad has registered an FIR No.123 under Section 304-A, 337 & 34 IPC at the Police Station, NIT, Faridabad on 11th February, 2001 i.e. the day of mishap against the owner and contractor of the Swing and three others. Within 24 hours of the accident all accused were arrested. The matter is still under investigation.

The report states that accident occurred due to shifting the movement of swing from the first gear to the fourth gear directly thereby causing breaking of the shaft of the swing.

Since Governmentof Haryana is responsible for organising the event, the Government of India does not propose to conduct an enquiry unless a request to that effect is received from Government of Haryana.

(e): As per report of Government of Haryana, in all four persons died and eleven sustained injuries. A total of Rs.9.50 lakhs has been disbursed to the next of the kin of the deceased and the injured as ex-gratia assistance.

(f) & (g): As per report, Government of Haryana, is issuinginstructions to the Fair Organising Companies to ensure the safety of visitors.